Fund for Maintenance of Road in Rural Areas

†2108. SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA:
DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a fund at national level for constructing new roads and strengthening/maintenance of old ones in the rural areas of the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the quantum of initial amount-fixed; and

(c) by when the fund is scheduled to be set up and become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal is at preliminary stage and hence no details can be given.

Pension Scheme for Port and Dock Employees

2109. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to State:

(a) whether the Joint Committee of the Indian Ports Association and the Port and Dock Unions have recommended improvements in the Pension Scheme for the Port and Dock Employees;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals;

(c) whether Government have approved the proposals;

(d) if so, the details of the approval; and

(e) if some proposals are not approved, the reasons for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) The recommendations of the Committee are based on the recommendations of the Vth Central Pay Commission for Government employees. The recommendations have been approved by the Government only to the extent they are comparable to those accepted for Central Government employees.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.